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Opposition to 30-year-old Trujillo regime has come to boiling point.

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D. Post Trujillo period--whether it begins in immediate future or later--will be marked by lengthy and difficult struggle of Dominicans to restore their personal dignity and initiative in government, all of which has been virtually destroyed during "Era of Trujillo."

II. Dictator's own financial depredations have wrecked country's finances. Economic problems now evident even in countryside. He is believed to have amassed personal fortune of between \$500,000,000 and \$800,000,000, almost all of which is probably in secret accounts abroad.

A. Trujillo was surprised and angry at US when in March US denied him the windfall "quota for sugar imports--i.e. the 322,000 ton share of the canceled Cuban quota in addition to the 111,000 ton Dominican regular quota..

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III. Though rumors of Trujillo-Castro pact lack confirmation, Dominican Radio Caribe continues to express admiration for Castro's successes and to use Communist terminology in attacking US.

A. This primarily to persuade Americans that pro-Castro forces would take over if Trujillo falls.